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Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Steven Ssenabulya **Nkayivu** (Uganda)

I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the question of the transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, at its 21st and 26th meetings, on 6 and 21 December 2007. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/62/SR.21 and 26).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the note by the Secretary-General on the transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi (A/62/548) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/559).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.14

4. At its 26th meeting, on 21 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy" (A/C.5/62/L.14), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Sweden.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.14 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision 58/557 of 23 December 2003, in which the General Assembly expressed its appreciation to the Government of Italy for offering five additional buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and approved their transfer,

Recalling financial regulation 3.11 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,[1]

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base,[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

1. *Notes with appreciation* the offer by the Government of Italy of six additional buildings and twelve open areas to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

2. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base;[2]

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

4. *Approves* the transfer of six additional buildings and twelve open areas pledged by the Government of Italy to the United Nations Logistics Base.

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[1] ST/SGB/2003/7.

[2] A/62/548.

[3] A/62/559.

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Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Steven Ssenabulya **Nkayivu** (Uganda)

I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 19th, 20th and 26th meetings, on 19 and 20 November and 21 December 2007. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/62/SR.19, 20 and 26).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 (A/62/380);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/540);

(c) Letter dated 2 October 2007 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/62/379).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.15

4. At its 26th meeting, on 21 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur" (A/C.5/62/L.15), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Norway.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.15 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 61/279 of 29 June 2007,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur,[1] the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] and the letter dated 2 October 2007 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly,[3] and recognizing that the costs of the Operation are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling Security Council resolution 1769 (2007) of 31 July 2007, by which the Council established the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for an initial period of twelve months as from 31 July 2007,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

Noting the hybrid nature of the Operation, and in that regard stressing the importance of ensuring full coordination of efforts between the African Union and the United Nations at the strategic level, unity of command at the operational level and clear delegation of authority and accountability lines,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

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[1] A/62/380.

[2] A/62/540.

[3] A/62/379.

4. *Emphasizes* the importance of interaction and coordination with troop-contributing countries;

5. *Recalls* section I, paragraph 6, of its resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000 and paragraph 11 of its resolution 56/241 of 24 December 2001, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the proper representation of troop-contributing countries in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support, taking into account their contribution to United Nations peacekeeping;

6. *Also recalls* that the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur should have a predominantly African character and that the troops should, as far as possible, be sourced from African countries;

7. *Reaffirms*, in the context of all Security Council decisions on peacekeeping operations, the prerogatives of the General Assembly in issues related to administrative and budgetary matters;

8. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

9. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

10. *Recalls* the unique nature and mandate of each operation, and stresses that the resource requirements should be commensurate with the mandates and complexities of each operation;

11. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Operation;

12. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

13. *Takes note* of paragraphs 37, 40, 46, 48, 66, 68, 70 and 74 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

14. *Decides* to establish thirteen posts for the conduct and discipline team and fourteen positions to be funded from general temporary assistance;

15. *Recalls* paragraph 35 of its resolution 61/279, and decides to approve thirteen posts (four P-5, eight P-4 and one General Service) for the integrated operational team in order to provide backstopping for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur, the United Nations Mission in the Sudan and the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad, to be financed through the support account for peacekeeping operations, and requests the Secretary-General to report expenditures thereon for the financial period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 in the performance report for the period;

16. *Looks forward* to the finalizing of the exchange of letters between the United Nations and the African Union as set out in the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

17. *Notes with concern* that the budget for the Operation for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 was not submitted in a results-based-budgeting format, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the budget for the Operation for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 is submitted in full compliance with relevant General Assembly resolutions on the preparation of budgets for peacekeeping missions;

18. *Reaffirms* its resolution 55/231 of 23 December 2000, and requests the Secretary-General to prepare the budgets for peacekeeping operations in full compliance with that resolution;

19. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to integrate operational, logistical and financial aspects fully in the planning phase of peacekeeping operations by linking results-based budgeting to the mandate implementation plans of peacekeeping operations;

20. *Reaffirms* the importance of ensuring that the work undertaken during the planning phase preceding the deployment of missions is as effective and accurate as possible, and emphasizes the importance of drawing on lessons learned;

21. *Takes note* of the large scope and number of extraordinary measures contained in the letter of the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly;[3]

22. *Notes with concern* the recurrent application of extraordinary measures in peacekeeping operations;

23. *Stresses* the need for effective management and mitigation of risks in all phases of United Nations peacekeeping missions;

24. *Underlines* the risks inherent in the use of extraordinary measures, and stresses the importance of adequate advance planning to avoid the application of such measures;

25. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the financial regulations and rules of the Organization are abided by and fully upheld in all phases of the Operation;

26. *Reaffirms* the need for the procurement system to be transparent, open, impartial and cost-effective, based on competitive bidding and fully reflecting the international character of the United Nations;

27. *Notes with concern* the decision of the Secretary-General to utilize a single-source contract without competitive bidding, and requests the Secretary-General to take immediate action to supply goods and services in compliance with the established procedures for procurement, based on international competitive bidding and the widest possible geographical base of procurement, so as to avoid a non-competitive extension of the present contract;

28. *Recalls* its resolution 54/14 of 29 October 1999 regarding the need to take steps to ensure that specifications are not deliberately tailored to predetermine

the choice of supplier and that the principle of separation of responsibilities of the requisitioning and approving officers is maintained;

29. *Encourages* the use of procurement within the region for the requirements of missions, taking into account efficiency and cost-effectiveness;

30. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services to undertake a comprehensive review of the use of the extraordinary measures for the Operation contained in the letter of the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly;

31. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure full respect for all legislative mandates, and notes with concern that the Secretary-General did not respond to its request contained in paragraphs 13 and 14 of its resolution 61/289 of 29 June 2007;

32. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to further explore, without prejudice to the distinct mandates, resources, roles and areas of operation of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan and the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur, the scope for synergies and cooperation between the two missions, where possible, and to report thereon to the General Assembly for its consideration in the context of the budgets of the missions for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009;

33. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his 2008/09 budget submission details of the mechanisms that exist at Headquarters and in the field for ensuring coordination and collaboration among all United Nations actors active in the relevant mission area;

34. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that future budgets for the Operation contain sufficient information, explanation and justification of the proposed resource requirements relating to its operational costs in order to allow Member States to take well-informed decisions;

35. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to review the structure of the Operation and the allocation of posts and their grade levels as personnel are deployed and on the basis of actual workloads and experience gained, and to reflect that ongoing review in future budget submissions;

36. *Underlines* the need for the deployment of staff of the Operation to be phased in order to conform to its operational needs as it evolves and to its support capacity, and stresses in this regard that during its start-up phase the principal focus of the Operation should be to ensure that core capacity is quickly put in place;

37. *Also underlines* the need for the deployment of civilian staff to be phased in accordance with the deployment of military and police personnel;

38. *Notes* that the Secretary-General proposes to create five hundred and forty-eight volunteer positions, of which only four would be for nationals of the Sudan, and requests the Secretary-General to explore ways of increasing the number of nationals of the Sudan to forty-eight;

39. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

40. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Operation is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

41. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Operation against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Operation;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

42. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for the purpose of accounting for the income received and expenditure incurred in respect of the Operation;

43. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur the amount of 1,275,653,700 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 for the establishment of the Operation;

Financing of the appropriation

44. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 1,275,653,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007 and 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

45. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 44 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 11,380,200 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Operation;

46. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

47. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Operation, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

48. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Operation in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

49. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur".

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Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Steven Ssenabulya **Nkayivu** (Uganda)

I. Introduction

1. At its 30th plenary meeting, on 22 October 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 22nd and 26th meetings, on 13 and 21 December 2007. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/62/SR.22 and 26).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 and expenditure report for the period from 1 March to 30 June 2007 (A/62/544) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/572).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.16

4. At its 26th meeting, on 21 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad" (A/C.5/62/L.16), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Guatemala.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.16 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1778 (2007) of 25 September 2007, by which the Council approved the establishment in Chad and the Central African Republic, in consultation with the authorities of Chad and the Central African Republic, of a multidimensional presence, and decided that the multidimensional presence should include, for a period of one year, a United Nations mission in the Central African Republic and Chad,

Recognizing that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals, in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007 and other relevant resolutions;

2. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

4. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

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[1] A/62/544.

[2] A/62/572.

5. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

6. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

7. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his 2008/09 budget submission details of the mechanisms that exist at Headquarters and in the field for ensuring coordination and collaboration among all the United Nations actors active in the relevant Mission area;

9. *Notes* that the Secretary-General did not propose an integrated mission, and recognizes the importance of coordination and collaboration among the Mission and the United Nations actors active in the Mission area;

10. *Underlines* the need for the deployment of staff to be phased in order to conform to the operational needs of the Mission as it evolves and to the support capacity of the Mission, and stresses in this regard that, during a mission's start-up phase, the principal focus of the mission should be to get core capacity in place quickly;

11. *Also underlines* the need for the deployment of civilian staff to be phased in accordance with the deployment of the European Union operation and the Mission's police personnel, as well as with adequate security provision on the ground;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that future budgets contain sufficient information, justification and explanation of the proposed resource requirements relating to the Mission's operational costs to allow Member States to take well-informed decisions;

13. *Notes with concern* that the budget for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 was not submitted in a results-based-budgeting format, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the budget for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 is submitted in full compliance with relevant General Assembly resolutions on the preparation of budgets for peacekeeping missions;

14. *Reaffirms* its resolution 55/231 of 23 December 2000, and requests the Secretary-General to prepare the budgets for peacekeeping operations in full compliance with that resolution;

15. *Decides* to establish two posts for the Conduct and Discipline Team and two positions to be funded from general temporary assistance;

16. *Approves* the utilization of general temporary assistance equivalent to one P-4 for the establishment of a Best Practices Officer position, pending consideration of the report requested in section V, paragraph 2, of its resolution 61/276;

17. *Stresses* the need for the best practices function to be performed from the start-up phase of the Mission, including the possibility of using the capacity of the Headquarters Best Practices Section;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

19. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

20. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Expenditure report for the period from 1 March to 30 June 2007

21. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad for the purpose of accounting for the income received and expenditure incurred in respect of the Mission;

22. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad the amount of 1,114,100 United States dollars, previously authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the establishment of the advance mission in Chad and the Central African Republic, for the period from 1 March to 30 June 2007, under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 March to 30 June 2007

23. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 1,114,100 dollars for the period from 1 March to 30 June 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

24. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 23 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 10,100 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the advance mission for the period from 1 March to June 2007;

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25. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad the amount of 182,444,000 dollars for the establishment and maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, inclusive of the amount of 45,828,200 dollars previously authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the advance mission in Chad and the Central African Republic under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

26. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 182,444,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007 and 2008 as set out in its resolution 61/237;

27. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 26 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,537,000 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

28. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

29. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

30. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

31. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad".

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Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Steven Ssenabulya **Nkayivu** (Uganda)

I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 24th and 26th meetings, on 18 and 21 December 2007. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/62/SR.24 and 26).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (A/62/575) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/589).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.10

4. At its 26th meeting, on 21 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007" (A/C.5/62/L.10), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Brazil.

5. Also at the 26th meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read out an oral amendment to the draft resolution, inserting a new subparagraph (d) after operative subparagraph 2 (c), which read as follows:

> "(d) To increase the provision under section 34, Development Account, by the amount of 5 million dollars."

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.10, as orally amended, without a vote (see para. 7).

07-66007 (E) 110107

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

A
Final budget appropriations for the biennium 2006-2007

The General Assembly,

1. *Takes note* of the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007,[1] and endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Resolves* that, for the biennium 2006-2007:

(a) The amount of 4,302,005,000 United States dollars appropriated by it in its resolutions 61/253 A of 22 December 2006, 61/258 of 26 March 2007 and 61/275 of 29 June 2007 shall be decreased by 113,232,600 dollars, as follows:

Part/section		*Amount approved in resolutions 61/253 A, 61/258 and 61/275*	*Increase/ (decrease)*	*Final appropriation*
		(United States dollars)		
Part I. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination				
1.	Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	77 286 500	1 306 800	78 593 300
2.	General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	602 512 500	(15 425 800)	587 086 700
	Subtotal, part I	**679 799 000**	**(14 119 000)**	**665 680 000**
Part II. Political affairs				
3.	Political affairs	808 773 400	(80 489 300)	728 284 100
4.	Disarmament	20 471 500	(695 000)	19 776 500
5.	Peacekeeping operations	96 670 600	(5 314 500)	91 356 100
6.	Peaceful uses of outer space	6 175 700	346 100	6 521 800
	Subtotal, part II	**932 091 200**	**(86 152 700)**	**845 938 500**
Part III. International justice and law				
7.	International Court of Justice	36 785 000	2 073 200	38 858 200

[1] A/62/575.
[2] A/62/589.

Part/section		Amount approved in resolutions 61/253 A, 61/258 and 61/275	Increase/ (decrease)	Final appropriation
		(United States dollars)		
8.	Legal affairs	42 153 000	418 000	42 571 000
	Subtotal, part III	**78 938 000**	**2 491 200**	**81 429 200**
Part IV. International cooperation for development				
9.	Economic and social affairs	157 474 100	(4 882 200)	152 591 900
10.	Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	5 052 700	(242 500)	4 810 200
11.	United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	10 803 100	(1 959 100)	8 844 000
12.	Trade and development	117 152 900	(3 393 300)	113 759 600
13.	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	26 901 500	493 800	27 395 300
14.	Environment	12 286 600	864 000	13 150 600
15.	Human settlements	18 289 400	1 284 000	19 573 400
16.	International drug control, crime prevention and criminal justice	32 838 400	1 618 500	34 456 900
	Subtotal, part IV	**380 798 700**	**(6 216 800)**	**374 581 900**
Part V. Regional cooperation for development				
17.	Economic and social development in Africa	107 404 200	(5 251 800)	102 152 400
18.	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	74 664 800	6 108 800	80 773 600
19.	Economic development in Europe	57 110 000	743 200	57 853 200
20.	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	97 180 100	(1 925 900)	95 254 200
21.	Economic and social development in Western Asia	56 324 600	2 650 200	58 974 800
22.	Regular programme of technical cooperation	46 881 400	598 600	47 480 000
	Subtotal, part V	**439 565 100**	**2 923 100**	**442 488 200**
Part VI. Human rights and humanitarian affairs				
23.	Human rights	88 009 100	(6 480 800)	81 528 300
24.	Protection of and assistance to refugees	67 031 200	1 470 400	68 501 600
25.	Palestine refugees	36 731 300	1 555 400	38 286 700
26.	Humanitarian assistance	26 566 000	(130 900)	26 435 100
	Subtotal, part VI	**218 337 600**	**(3 585 900)**	**214 751 700**
Part VII. Public information				
27.	Public information	178 851 800	(7 887 100)	170 964 700
	Subtotal, part VII	**178 851 800**	**(7 887 100)**	**170 964 700**
Part VIII. Common support services				
28A.	Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	20 560 500	368 300	20 928 800
28B.	Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	32 917 500	(1 848 000)	31 069 500
28C.	Office of Human Resources Management	67 557 400	1 968 800	69 526 200

Part/section	*Amount approved in resolutions 61/253 A, 61/258 and 61/275*	*Increase/ (decrease)*	*Final appropriation*
	(United States dollars)		
28D. Office of Central Support Services	245 453 800	267 700	245 721 500
28E. Administration, Geneva	107 192 800	(348 400)	106 844 400
28F. Administration, Vienna	35 297 400	1 020 200	36 317 600
28G. Administration, Nairobi	19 645 200	3 463 500	23 108 700
Subtotal, part VIII	**528 624 600**	**4 892 100**	**533 516 700**
Part IX. Internal oversight			
29. Internal oversight	30 943 800	(1 140 600)	29 803 200
Subtotal, part IX	**30 943 800**	**(1 140 600)**	**29 803 200**
Part X. Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses			
30. Jointly financed administrative activities	7 799 200	1 683 100	9 482 300
31. Special expenses	93 478 900	(1 744 700)	91 734 200
Subtotal, part X	**101 278 100**	**(61 600)**	**101 216 500**
Part XI. Capital expenditures			
32. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	78 532 000	25 627 900	104 159 900
Subtotal, part XI	**78 532 000**	**25 627 900**	**104 159 900**
Part XII. Safety and security			
33. Safety and security	195 537 800	(23 162 400)	172 375 400
Subtotal, part XII	**195 537 800**	**(23 162 400)**	**172 375 400**
Part XIII. Development Account			
34. Development Account	16 480 900	71 000	16 551 900
Subtotal, part XIII	**16 480 900**	**71 000**	**16 551 900**
Part XIV. Staff assessment			
35. Staff assessment	442 226 400	(6 911 800)	435 314 600
Subtotal, part XIV	**442 226 400**	**(6 911 800)**	**435 314 600**
Total	**4 302 005 000**	**(113 232 600)**	**4 188 772 400**

(b) The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee;

(c) In addition to the appropriations approved under subparagraph (a) above, an amount of 75,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 2006-2007 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other

expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment;

(d) To increase the provision under section 34, Development Account, by the amount of 5 million dollars.

B

Final income estimates for the biennium 2006-2007

The General Assembly,

Resolves that, for the biennium 2006-2007:

(a) The estimates of income of 492,248,800 United States dollars approved by it in its resolutions 61/253 B of 22 December 2006, 61/258 of 26 March 2007 and 61/275 of 29 June 2007 shall be increased by 12,930,700 dollars, as follows:

Income section		*Amount approved in resolutions 61/253 B, 61/258 and 61/275*	*Increase/ (decrease)*	*Final estimate*
		(United States dollars)		
1.	Income from staff assessment	446 666 400	(7 156 500)	439 509 900
	Subtotal, income section 1	**446 666 400**	**(7 156 500)**	**439 509 900**
2.	General income	41 641 400	20 238 900	61 880 300
3.	Services to the public	3 941 000	(151 700)	3 789 300
	Subtotal, income sections 2 and 3	**45 582 400**	**20 087 200**	**65 669 600**
	Total	**492 248 800**	**12 930 700**	**505 179 500**

(b) The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

(c) Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications not provided for under the budget appropriations shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Steven Ssenabulya **Nkayivu** (Uganda)

I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 26th meeting, on 21 December 2007. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/62/SR.26).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.5/62/L.24

3. At its 26th meeting, on 21 December, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Questions deferred for future consideration" (A/C.5/62/L.24), submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/62/L.24 without a vote (see para. 5).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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Questions deferred for future consideration

A

The General Assembly decides to defer until the resumed part of its sixty-second session consideration of the following agenda items and related documents:

Item 140
Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Report of the Secretary-General on the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions as at 30 June 2005;[1]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

Report of the Secretary-General on the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions as at 30 June 2006;[3]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[4]

Item 146
Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

Report of the Secretary-General on the final performance report of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor;[5]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[6]

B

The General Assembly decides to defer until its sixty-third session consideration of the following documents under agenda item 132:

Item 132
Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Report of the Committee on Contributions;[7]

Report of the Secretary-General on multi-year payment plans;[8]

Report of the Secretary-General on the unpaid assessed contributions of the former Yugoslavia;[9]

Letter dated 2 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;[10]

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[1] A/60/437.
[2] A/60/551.
[3] A/61/867.
[4] A/61/920.
[5] A/62/555.
[6] A/62/574.
[7] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/62/11).
[8] A/62/70.
[9] A/60/140 and Corr.1.
[10] A/C.5/61/11.

Letter dated 27 December 2001 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly;[11]

Note by the Secretary-General on the outstanding assessed contributions of the former Yugoslavia.[12]

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[11] A/56/767.
[12] A/58/189.

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Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Steven Ssenabulya **Nkayivu** (Uganda)

I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session the items entitled "Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services" and "Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009" and to allocate them to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the items at its 4th, 20th, 23rd and 26th meetings, on 10 October, 20 November and 17 and 21 December 2007. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the items are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/62/SR.4, 20, 23 and 26).

3. For its consideration of the items, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Report of the Secretary-General on Procurement Task Force (A/61/603)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the activities of the Procurement Task Force for the 18-month period ended 30 June 2007 and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon (A/62/272 and Add.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on resource requirements for procurement investigations (A/62/520)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/7/Add.15)

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Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon (A/62/281 (Part I) and Add.1 and 2)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the activities of the United Nations Thessaloniki Centre for Public Service Professionalism (A/62/176)

Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 (A/61/264 (Part I) and Add.1 and 2)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of the programme and administrative management of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon (A/61/61 and Add.1)

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.26

4. At its 26th meeting, on 21 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and financing of the Procurement Task Force" (A/C.5/62/L.26), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Belgium.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.26 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and financing of the Procurement Task Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[1] and the related notes by the Secretary-General,[2] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of the programme and administrative management of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia[3] and the related note by the Secretary-General,[4] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the activities of the United Nations Thessaloniki Centre for Public Service Professionalism,[5] the report of the Secretary-General on the Procurement Task Force,[6] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the activities of the Procurement Task Force[7] and the related note by the Secretary-General,[8] the report of the Secretary-General on the resource requirements for procurement investigations[9] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[10]

1. *Takes note* of the reports on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[1] and the related notes by the Secretary-General,[2] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of the programme and administrative management of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia[3] and the related note by the Secretary-General,[4] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the activities of the United Nations Thessaloniki Centre for Public Service Professionalism,[5] the report of the Secretary-General on the Procurement Task Force[6] and the report of the Secretary-General on the resource requirements for procurement investigations;[9]

2. *Regrets* the piecemeal manner in which the investigations-related issues contained in these reports have been presented to the General Assembly for its consideration;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[10] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

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[1] A/61/264 (Part I) and Add.1; and A/62/281 (Part I) and Add.1.
[2] A/61/264 (Part I)/Add.2; and A/62/281 (Part I)/Add.2.
[3] A/61/61.
[4] A/61/61/Add.1
[5] A/62/176.
[6] A/61/603.
[7] A/62/272.
[8] A/62/272/Add.1.
[9] A/62/520.
[10] A/62/7/Add.15.

4. *Decides* to conduct an overall review of the capacity of the Investigations Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services by 30 June 2008, and that the review will include, inter alia, the activities of the Procurement Task Force;

5. *Notes* the ad hoc nature of the Procurement Task Force and, in accordance with regulations 7.6 and 7.7 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,[11] requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to request the Board of Auditors to conduct an audit of the activities of the Task Force for the period from 1 January 2006 to 30 June 2007, including its compliance with established transparency and accountability measures of the Organization and the Office of Internal Oversight Services, and to report thereon separately to the General Assembly at the main part of its sixty-third session;

6. *Decides* to revert to the consideration of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the activities of the Procurement Task Force[7] and the related note by the Secretary-General[8] at the first part of the resumed sixty-second session;

7. *Recalls* its resolutions 61/275 and 61/279 of 29 June 2007, and decides to revert to the consideration of the report on the overall review of the capacity of the Investigations Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services at the first part of the resumed sixty-second session;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the report referred to in paragraph 7 above to the attention of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations.

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[11] ST/SGB/2003/7.

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Report of the Peacebuilding Commission

Peacebuilding Commission
Second session

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Identical letters dated 10 December 2007 from the Chairman of the Peacebuilding Commission and the Chairman of the Burundi configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission to the President of the Security Council, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council

We have the honour to refer to the Monitoring and Tracking Mechanism of the Strategic Framework for Peacebuilding in Burundi (PBC/2/BDI/4), jointly developed by the Government of Burundi and the Burundi configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission.

The Burundi configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission adopted the Monitoring and Tracking Mechanism at its formal meeting, held on 5 December 2007, following a series of consultations led by the Government of Burundi in Bujumbura and informal meetings held in New York. The Mechanism completes the work on the Strategic Framework transmitted to you on 21 June 2007.

(*Signed*) Yukio **Takasu**
Chairman
Peacebuilding Commission

(*Signed*) Johan L. **Løvald**
Chairman
Burundi Configuration
Peacebuilding Commission

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Report of the Peacebuilding Commission

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Identical letters dated 12 December 2007 from the Chairman of the Peacebuilding Commission and the Chairman of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission to the President of the Security Council, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council

We have the honour to refer to the Sierra Leone Peacebuilding Cooperation Framework (PBC/2/SLE/1).

Recalling the original request of the Security Council for advice on Sierra Leone and in accordance with the mandate of the Peacebuilding Commission to advise on and propose integrated strategies for post-conflict peacebuilding and recovery, the Peacebuilding Commission and the Government of Sierra Leone, in consultation with all relevant national and international stakeholders, have developed the above-mentioned Peacebuilding Cooperation Framework.

The Framework is a medium-term document for partnership and mutual accountability, which describes specific actions that the Government of Sierra Leone and the Peacebuilding Commission have committed themselves to taking to address the challenges and threats most critical for sustaining and consolidating peace. The Peacebuilding Commission will use the Framework to enhance dialogue and strengthen the partnerships between Sierra Leone and its international partners.

The Peacebuilding Commission welcomes the efforts of the Government of Sierra Leone and the United Nations Integrated Office in Sierra Leone to ensure national ownership of the Framework. The Peacebuilding Commission encourages all stakeholders to cooperate with the Government of Sierra Leone and the Peacebuilding Commission to implement the Framework, and to continue to support efforts for peace consolidation in Sierra Leone.

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The Peacebuilding Commission reiterates its determination to provide unflagging support to Sierra Leone in the consolidation of peace with a view to securing a future that is free from fear and want.

(*Signed*) Yukio **Takasu**
Chairman
Peacebuilding Commission

(*Signed*) Frank **Majoor**
Chairman
Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission

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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report has been prepared in compliance with paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 61/292 and provides an update on the status of implementation by the Secretariat of General Assembly resolutions relating to the revitalization of its work, with a particular focus on the resolutions adopted by the Assembly at its fifty-eighth through sixty-first sessions.

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I. Introduction

1. In compliance with the requests of the General Assembly in its resolutions 58/316, 59/313 and 60/286 for a report of the Secretary-General on the implementation by the Secretariat of Assembly resolutions regarding the revitalization of the Assembly, a status report, including a factual chart, was submitted during the sixty-first session of the Assembly (see A/61/483).

2. At its sixty-first session, in resolution 61/292 entitled "Revitalizing the role and authority of the General Assembly and strengthening its performance", the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit, at its sixty-second session, an update to his report on the implementation of resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the Assembly, in particular resolutions 58/126, 58/316, 59/313, 60/286 and 61/292.

3. The present report and its annex have been prepared in compliance with that request and reflect developments since the issuance of the earlier report.

II. Update on the implementation of resolutions relating to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

4. The authority and activity of the General Assembly have continued to gain through the follow-up process to the 2005 World Summit. In this regard, the Assembly adopted resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council and continued to convene informal consultations, including on management reform, mandate review, the environment and Security Council reform. Revitalization of the Assembly itself, though an item on the agenda of the Assembly dating back many years, continues to be actively examined and pursued in this context.

5. In compliance with resolutions 58/126, 59/313 and 60/286, in which the Assembly, inter alia, encouraged the holding of thematic interactive debates on current issues of critical importance to the international community in the Assembly and invited the President of the General Assembly to propose themes for such interactive debates, in consultation with Member States, the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-first session convened four thematic debates, namely on "Partnerships towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals: taking stock, moving forward" (27 November 2006), "Promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women (6 and 7 March 2007), "Civilizations and the challenge for peace: obstacles and opportunities" (10 and 11 May 2007) and "climate change as a global challenge" (31 July and 1 August 2007).

6. Also during the sixty-first session, the General Committee, reflecting the role envisaged for it in numerous resolutions, namely, to play the leading role in advising the General Assembly on the efficient organization, coordination and management of its work, considered options for response in the case of an outbreak of an influenza pandemic. Accordingly, the President of the General Assembly convened a briefing by the United Nations Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Coordinator open to all Member States.

7. Regarding working methods, earlier improvements were built upon and reinforced, including the enhancement and regular updating of the websites of the

General Assembly and the Main Committees and the transmission of lessons learned from outgoing to incoming Chairmen. The Presidents of the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council continued their periodic meetings, including to coordinate the work programme of those principal organs.

8. In addition, the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, whose issuance the Assembly requested in a consolidated version in all official languages in print and online, were made available during the sixty-first session, both on the United Nations website and in hard copy (A/520/Rev.16 and Corr.1).

9. In response to a request contained in paragraph 24 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 60/286, the Office of Legal Affairs concluded the process of compiling precedents and past practice with respect to the rules and practices of the intergovernmental bodies of the Organization that information will be made available in the public domain shortly.

10. Regarding the conduct of elections in the General Assembly, the Assembly, in its resolution 59/313, recommended consideration of the use of optical scanners as a means of expediting the counting of votes cast through secret ballots, taking due account of the security requirements in that regard and the credibility, reliability and confidentiality of such means, and requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the modalities thereof to the Assembly through the Committee on Conferences. Several options have now been examined and have been made available to Member States, in the form of a paper on revitalization, which was prepared by the Secretariat and submitted through the co-chairs in the course of the sixty-first session. The proposals contained therein are currently under consideration.

11. At the end of its sixtieth session, pursuant to resolution 60/286, the General Assembly decided to invite the President of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly to convene consultations among Member States to decide on the establishment of an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the Assembly, open to all Member States: to identify ways to further enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on relevant Assembly resolutions and reviewing the agenda and working methods of the Assembly, and to submit a report to the Assembly at its sixty-first session.

12. Following consultations at its sixty-first session, convened by the two facilitators who had been appointed by the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-first session, the Assembly adopted resolution 61/292, in which it decided to establish an ad hoc working group, open to all Member States, on the revitalization of the Assembly to evaluate and assess the status of implementation of relevant resolutions, to identify ways to further enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on previous resolutions, and to submit a report thereon to the Assembly.

13. During its sixty-second session, on 26 November 2007, the President of the General Assembly appointed two co-chairmen of the ad hoc working group, which will commence its work in the course of the session.

14. Regarding paragraph 7 of annex A of resolution 58/126, according to which the President-elect is to suggest an issue or issues of global concern upon which Member States will be invited to comment during the forthcoming general debate,

the President-elect of the General Assembly at its sixty-second session suggested the topic "Responding to climate change".

15. In respect of documentation, the Secretary-General continues to issue annual advance reports containing the status of documentation for the forthcoming sessions of the General Assembly, with a view to facilitating the work of Member States.

Annex

Updated factual chart on the implementation by the Secretariat of the relevant provisions of resolutions 58/126, 58/316, 59/313, 60/286 and 61/292 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

A. Resolution 58/126

Annex A: Enhancing the authority and role of the General Assembly	Status of implementation
The work and decisions of the General Assembly should be better publicized. Accordingly, the support provided by the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat for these purposes should be intensified and strengthened. The Secretary-General is requested to present a plan to this end, within existing resources, to the next session of the Committee on Information, so that recommendations can be made to the Assembly (para. 8).	A plan was presented by the Secretary-General to the Committee on Information at its twenty-sixth session (see A/AC.198/2004/6; see also resolutions 59/126 B and 60/286, annex, para. 14).
Member States and the Secretariat should consider initiatives that might be taken for better monitoring of the follow-up of resolutions of the General Assembly, such as the provision of timely inputs for reports of the Secretary-General and giving effect to proposals that would advance the follow-up of major United Nations conferences and summits (para. 9).	Communications from the Secretary-General have been sent to Member Sates on an ongoing basis to ask for pertinent information.
The resources available to the Office of the President of the General Assembly in personnel and other support shall be augmented from within existing resources, bearing in mind the provisions of paragraph 22 of the annex to resolution 55/285. Five additional posts shall be made available to supplement current support, of which three shall be filled on an annual basis, following consultations with the incoming President, beginning at the fifty-ninth session of the Assembly (para. 10).	Implemented as of the fifty-ninth session.
Transitional office accommodation and other support shall be provided to the President-elect of the General Assembly. The Secretary-General is requested to make the necessary arrangements for the provision of such support, within existing resources, beginning with the President-elect of the fifty-ninth session of the Assembly (para. 11).	Beginning with the fifty-ninth session, transitional office space and other support have been provided to the Office of the President-elect.

Annex B: Improving the working methods of the General Assembly	Status of implementation
The work of the Main Committees of the General Assembly might benefit if it is scheduled over two substantive periods during the session. The rescheduling of the work of the Main Committees should not lead to additional costs, additional or longer meetings, or staggered work schedules of the Main Committees. With a view to enabling the Assembly to consider changes in this regard, with effect from the sixtieth session of the Assembly, the Secretary-General is requested to present, by 1 February 2004, various options for consideration by the General Committee, taking into account the requirements of the relevant intergovernmental bodies and the different locations of their meetings and the budget cycle (para. 2).	In response to this request, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled "Options for the rescheduling of the Main Committees of the General Assembly" (A/58/CRP.3), which the Assembly considered at its fifty-eighth session.
With a view to better conceptualization of the content of the agenda of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General is requested to submit to the Assembly, for its consideration by 1 March 2004, an illustrative agenda of the Assembly, based on all the agenda items of the fifty-eighth session, organized around the priorities of the Organization for the period 2002-2005 (para. 4).[a]	In response to this request, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled "Illustrative agenda of the General Assembly" (A/58/CRP.4), which the Assembly considered at its fifty-eighth session. Additionally, as noted in the reference below to resolution 58/316, annex, section B, para. 2 (b), from the fifty-ninth session onwards, the agenda of the General Assembly has been organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 and, subsequently, in accordance with the strategic frameworks for the periods 2006-2007 and 2008-2009, with an additional heading I, entitled "Organizational, administrative and other matters".

[a] For the priorities of the Organization for the period 2002-2005:
(a) Maintenance of international peace and security;
(b) Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences;
(c) Development of Africa;
(d) Promotion of human rights;
(e) Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts;
(f) Promotion of justice and international law;
(g) Disarmament;
(h) Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, see paragraph 26 of the introduction to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/55/6/Rev.1)) adopted in resolution 55/234.

The heavy volume of documentation that is submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration should be reduced. In this regard, the Secretary-General is requested to continue his efforts to make proposals to Member States for the consolidation of reports on related subjects in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 20 of resolution 57/300. The proposals on a shorter agenda should be accompanied by related proposals for a reduction in the volume of documentation (para. 7).	See resolution 58/316, annex, section F. A number of reports, where appropriate, have been consolidated.
The Main Committees of the General Assembly are bound by the rules of procedure of the Assembly, although they have different practices and working methods. With a view to identifying best practices and working methods, and recognizing the ongoing efforts of the Main Committees to streamline their work, the Secretary-General, drawing on the experience of previous Chairmen of the Main Committees, is requested to submit a historical and analytical note on the practices and working methods of the Main Committees for the consideration of the General Committee by 1 April 2004 (para. 8).	In response to this request, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled "Historical and analytical note on the practices and working methods of the Main Committees" (A/58/CRP.5), which was considered by the General Committee in open-ended informal consultations (see resolution 58/316, annex, section C).

B. Resolution 58/316

Annex A: reordering the work of the General Assembly	**Status of implementation**
With effect from the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, the meetings of the plenary Assembly shall normally be held on Mondays and Thursdays (para. 1 (b)).	As of the fifty-ninth session, plenary meetings of the Assembly are scheduled and held on Mondays and Thursdays to the extent possible.
Annex, section B: organization of the agenda of the General Assembly	**Status of implementation**
Pursuant to paragraph 4 of section B of the annex to resolution 58/126, the agenda of the General Assembly shall be organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005[b] (or in the	From the fifty-ninth session onwards, the agenda of the General Assembly has been organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 and, subsequently, in accordance with the

[b] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/55/6/Rev.1)

strategic framework, as appropriate), with an additional heading for "Organizational, administrative and other matters" for the purpose of giving a sense of structures to the work of the Assembly, achieving a better presentation of the issues and challenges with which the Assembly deals and making the work of the Assembly more accessible, with the understanding that the new arrangement will not prejudge the way in which the work of the Assembly is organized and carried out (para. 2 (a)).	strategic frameworks for the periods 2006-2007 and 2008-2009, with an additional heading I, entitled "Organizational, administrative and other matters".
The headings of the agenda shall consequently be: (i) Maintenance of international peace and security; (ii) Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; (iii) Development of Africa; (iv) Promotion of human rights; (v) Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts; (vi) Promotion of justice and international law; (vii) Disarmament; (viii) Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations; (ix) Organizational, administrative and other matters (para. 2 (b)).	See also 2 (a) above.
Annex, section C: practices and working methods of the Main Committees	**Status of implementation**
Main Committees shall adopt a provisional programme of work at the end of the session for the next session to help them better to plan, prepare and organize and, in this context, review the related documentation requirements (para. 3 (b)).	Implemented as of the fifty-ninth session.[c]

[c] Information on the programme of work of the Fifth Committee is usually not available owing to the time frame of the Committee's work.

The websites of the Main Committees shall be enhanced and thereafter regularly updated and their content maintained by the secretariats of the Main Committees (para. 3 (c)).	**The websites of the Main Committees continue to be enhanced and regularly updated by the respective secretariats.**
Annex, section D: review of the agenda of the General Assembly	**Status of implementation**
Recalling section B, paragraph 5, of the annex to resolution 58/126, having reviewed the note by the Secretariat entitled "Analysis of the agenda of the General Assembly",[d] which provides factual information on the frequency of consideration, origin and history of action on the 333 items and sub-items on the agenda, taking into account the views expressed by Member States, and following consultations with concerned Member States, it is decided that:	**The provisions of this paragraph were implemented as of the fifty-ninth session and have been reflected in the agenda of each subsequent session.**
(a) The items entitled "Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development" and "Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields" shall be eliminated from the agenda;	
(b) The items entitled "Question of Cyprus", "Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo", "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)", "The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti", "Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non- proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security", "Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait" and "Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986" shall remain on the agenda for consideration upon notification by a Member State;	
(c) The item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" shall be considered in its entirety in plenary;	

[d] A/58/CRP.6.

(d) While remaining on the agenda of the plenary, the sub-item entitled "Sport for peace and development: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal" shall be considered every other year and the items entitled "Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin" and "Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion" shall be considered every three years;

(e) The item entitled "Information and communication technologies for development" and the sub-item entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions" shall be allocated for annual consideration in the Second Committee;

(f) The item entitled "Towards global partnerships" shall be allocated for consideration every other year in the Second Committee;

(g) The sub-item entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: participation of volunteers, 'White Helmets', in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development" shall be allocated for consideration every three years in the Second Committee;

(h) The item entitled "Global road safety crisis" shall be allocated for consideration every other year in the Third Committee;

(i) The item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples" shall be allocated for annual consideration in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee);

(j) The item entitled "Assistance in mine action" shall be allocated for consideration every other year in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee);

(k) The item entitled "University for Peace" shall be allocated for consideration every three years in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee);	
(l) Bearing in mind that the General Assembly decided in resolution 55/285 of 7 September 2001 to cluster all cooperation items under one item, to make individual cooperation items sub-items and to hold a joint debate for all sub-items, the Secretary-General shall submit a single consolidated report under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations" (para. 4).	
Annex, section E: General Committee	**Status of implementation**
In July of each year, the General Committee shall conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the General Assembly, on the basis of a report to be submitted by the Secretary-General, and submit recommendations on the matter to the forthcoming Assembly. The report of the Secretary-General shall include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session (para. 5 (d)).	In response to this request the Secretary-General has submitted reports at every session since, including the requested information on the status of documentation (see A/58/864, A/59/860, A/60/971 and A/61/1015 and their respective addenda).
Annex, section F: documentation	**Status of implementation**
In the light of its decision in section B, paragraph 7, of the annex to resolution 58/126 that the heavy volume of documentation that is submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration should be reduced, the Secretary-General is requested:	
To take the necessary action to initiate the implementation of the provisions of paragraph 20 of resolution 57/300 of 20 December 2002, in which the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to start, on a trial basis, a consultative process with the President of the General Assembly and the Chairmen of the Main Committees of the Assembly at the end of the main part of each session of the Assembly, with a view to consolidating reports on related subjects, if decided by the Main Committees (para. 6 (c)).	See resolution 60/286, annex, para. 29. A number of reports recommended by the Main Committees have been consolidated.

C. Resolution 59/313

President of the General Assembly	Status of implementation
(b) Augmenting the resources available to the Office of the President of the General Assembly from within existing resources, subject to consideration by the Assembly of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, to provide for two further additional posts at management and senior levels to be filled on an annual basis following consultations with the incoming President, beginning at the sixtieth session of the Assembly;	Implemented as of the sixtieth session. See resolution 58/126, annex A, para. 11.
(c) Making available to the President of the General Assembly adequate office and conference space with a view to enabling the President to carry out his/her functions in a manner commensurate with the dignity and stature of the Office;	Support by the Protocol Office to the Office of the President of the General Assembly has been further strengthened through closer coordination with the Office of the President on appointments and programmes of the President where protocol services are necessary, including also the social events hosted by the President.
(d) Requesting the Secretary-General to ensure that the President of the General Assembly is provided with proper protocol services at Headquarters and at other United Nations duty stations (para. 3).	

Agenda and working methods of the plenary Assembly and the Main Committees	Status of implementation
Requests the Secretary-General to provide the ad hoc working group with the necessary services (para. 6).	Action completed.
Strongly urges all officers presiding over meetings of the General Assembly to start such meetings on time (para. 11).	Periodically, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management provides presiding officers with statistics on the financial impact of the implementation of this provision.
Requests the Secretary-General to issue the rules of procedure of the General Assembly in a consolidated version in all official languages, in print and online (para. 14).	See status of implementation reference to resolution 60/286, annex, para. 24, below.
Recommends consideration of the use of optical scanners as a means of expediting the counting of votes cast through secret ballots during elections, taking due account of the security requirements in this regard and the credibility, reliability and confidentiality of such means, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the modalities thereof to the General Assembly through the Committee on Conferences (para. 15).	See status of implementation reference to resolution 60/286, annex, para. 28, below.

Documentation	Status of implementation
Requests the Secretary-General to implement further the measures set out in paragraph 20 of resolution 57/300 of 20 December 2002 on the consolidation of reports and in paragraph 6 of the annex to resolution 58/316 on documentation (para. 16).	See status of implementation reference to resolution 60/286, annex, para. 29, below.
Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that documentation and reports are issued well in advance, in keeping with the six-week rule for the issuance of documentation simultaneously in all official languages, as set out in resolution 49/221 B of 23 December 1994 and in resolution 59/309 of 22 June 2005 on multilingualism (para. 18).	In response to this request, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management has entered into a compact with the Secretary-General which provides for zero tolerance of late submission of documents.
Also requests the Secretary-General to submit a status report to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session on the implementation of all resolutions regarding the revitalization of its work, including resolutions 58/126 of 19 December 2003 and 58/316 and the present resolution (para. 19).	This report has been submitted at the sixty-first session pursuant also to resolution 60/286, annex, para. 30. The present report is the update to that report, as requested by the General Assembly in resolution 61/292, para. 1.

D. Resolution 60/286

Cluster I. Role and authority of the General Assembly	Status of implementation
Requests the Secretary-General to continue to make the necessary arrangements for the provision of transitional office accommodation and other support to the President-elect of the General Assembly, in accordance with resolution 58/126 (para. 11).	See status of implementation reference to resolution 59/313, President of the General Assembly, para. 3 (c), above.
Requests the Department of Public Information, in cooperation with countries concerned and with the relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to continue to take appropriate measures to enhance world public awareness of the work of the General Assembly (para. 14).	The Department of Public Information continues to implement its communications strategy to publicize the work and decisions of the General Assembly approved by the Assembly in its resolutions 59/126 B, 60/109 B and 61/121 B.

Urges the Secretariat to continue its endeavours to raise the visibility of the General Assembly and, to that end, requests the rearrangement of items in the *Journal of the United Nations* so that listings of plenary meetings and other major events of the General Assembly may appear alongside those of the meetings of the Security Council (para. 15).	Implemented as of the sixty-first session.
Encourages the Presidents of the General Assembly to increase their public visibility, including through enhanced contacts with representatives of the media and civil society, thus promoting the activities of the General Assembly, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue the practice of providing to the Office of the President of the General Assembly a Spokesperson for the President of the Assembly and an assistant to the Spokesperson (para. 16).	Implementation is ongoing. As of the sixtieth session, for example, the Presidents of the General Assembly, together with the Chairmen of the Main Committees, have periodically briefed representatives of civil society on the programme of work of the Assembly at its current sessions.
Cluster III. Working methods	**Status of implementation**
Requests the Secretary-General to issue the rules of procedure of the General Assembly in a consolidated version in all official languages, in print and online, and requests the Office of Legal Affairs to make precedents and past practice available in the public domain with respect to rules and practices of the intergovernmental bodies of the Organization (para. 24).	The consolidated version of the rules of procedure is set out in document A/520/Rev.16 and Corr.1, both in print and online. The Office of Legal Affairs has concluded the process of compiling precedents and past practice with respect to the rules and practices of the intergovernmental bodies of the Organization. That information will be made available in the public domain shortly.
Requests an update on its recommendation, in paragraph 15 of its resolution 59/313, regarding consideration of the use of optical scanners as a means of expediting the counting of votes cast through secret ballots during elections, taking due account of the security requirements in this regard and the credibility, reliability and confidentiality of such means, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the modalities thereof to the General Assembly (para. 28).	Several options, taking into account the security requirements and the credibility, reliability and confidentiality of such means, have now been examined and have been made available to Member States in the form of a paper on revitalization which was prepared by the Secretariat and submitted to the Member States by the co-chairs in the course of the sixty-first session. The proposals contained therein are currently under consideration.
Requests the Secretary-General to implement further the measures set out in paragraph 20 of resolution 57/300 of 20 December 2002 on the consolidation of reports and in paragraph 6 of the annex to resolution 58/316 on documentation (para. 29).	Since the adoption of this resolution, a number of reports, where appropriate, have been consolidated.

Recalls paragraph 19 of its resolution 59/313 and requests the Secretary-General to submit a status report with a factual chart to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session on the implementation of all resolutions regarding the revitalization of its work, including resolutions 58/126, 58/316 and 59/313, and the present resolution (para. 30).	The report was issued as document A/61/483. The present report is the update to it, as requested by the General Assembly in resolution 61/292, para. 1.
Decides to invite the President of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly to convene consultations among Member States to decide on the establishment of an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the Assembly, open to all Member States: to identify ways to further enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on relevant Assembly resolutions and reviewing the agenda and working methods of the Assembly, and to submit a report to the Assembly at its sixty-first session (para. 31).	The President of the General Assembly at its sixty-first session appointed two facilitators to convene consultations and subsequently submitted a report on the views expressed by Member States. As a result of the consultations, the General Assembly adopted resolution 61/292, in which, in paragraph 2, it decided to establish, at its sixty-second session, an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the Assembly, open to all Member States, to evaluate and assess the status of implementation of relevant resolutions, to identify ways to further enhance the role, authority, effectiveness, and efficiency of the Assembly.

E. Resolution 61/292 of 2 August 2007

Requests the Secretary-General to submit, at its sixty-second session, an update to his report[e] on the implementation of resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, in particular resolutions 58/126, 58/316, 59/313, 60/286 and the present resolution (para. 1).	Implemented by the present report.
Decides to establish, at its sixty-second session, an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the General Assembly, open to all Member States, to evaluate and assess the status of implementation of relevant resolutions, to identify ways to further enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on previous resolutions, and to submit a report thereon to the Assembly (para. 2).	The President of the General Assembly at its sixty-second session appointed two co-chairs of the ad hoc working group, which will commence its work in the course of the sixty-second session.

[e] A/61/483.